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SUBJECT: COMING INTO FORCE OF APARTHEID CONVENTION

1. DALTON (UKUN) CALLED MISOFF TO INQUIRE AS TO WHETHER USG MAKING ANY CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR COMING INTO FORCE OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHIED. HE NOTED CONVENTION WILL COME INTO FORCE 30 DAYS AFTER DEPOSIT OF 20TH INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF ACCESSION AND THAT 18 INSTRUMENTS ALREADY DEPOSITED AND SEVERAL MORE WILL BE IN SOON.

2. DALTON SAID HMG IS CONCERNED THAT ONCE CONVENTION IN FORCE WESTERN BUSINESSMEN MIGHT BE AT RISK OF ARREST AND TRIAL UNDER CONVENTION FOR ACTIONS WHICH WE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT REGARD AS CRIMES.

3. HMG HE SAID HAS BEEN GIVING MATTER PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION. TENTATIVE THINKING IS TO ALERT UK EMBASSIES IN STATES PARTY TO THE CONVENTION TO BE ON THE WATCH FOR ANY DOMESTIC LEGISLATION
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IMPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION IN ORDER WARN HMG AS SOON AS

ANY SUCH ACTION TAKES PLACE. AMONG THE MEASURES HMG
CONTEMPLATING ARE WARNINGS TO UK NATIONALS OF THE RISKS
ENCOUNTERED IN TRAVEL TO ANY COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ENACTED
IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION AND POSSIBLY WARNINGS TO THE
COUNTRIES THEMSELVES CONCERNING HMG'S RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE
ENTIRE APPROACH CONTAINED IN THE CONVENTION.

4. DALTON SAID UK HAS ALERTED EC-9 AND NOW US TO THE PROBLEM
AND WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT OUR THINKING IS. WOULD
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT THINKING ON THE PROBLEM.
COMMENT. BELIEVE PROBLEM IS POTENTIALLY SERIOUS ONE AND
WORTHY OF THE ATTENTION HMG GIVING IT.
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